

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1 2. (amended) The method of claim 1, characterized by establishing said link between at
2 least two modules concomitantly defining the hearing aid apparatus or to the hearing aid apparatus
3 and an additional appliance.

1 3. (amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of establishing an
2 electrical connection separate from said mechanical link.

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1 4. (amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of establishing a
2 predetermined relative positioning of parts by establishing said mechanical link.

1 5. (amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of enabling or disabling
2 said mechanical link by selecting polarity direction of at least two magnets for said mechanical
3 linking.

1 6. (amended) The method of claim 1, wherein parts whereat said link is established are at
2 least a signal processing module and at least one of the following:
3 – a battery or accumulator module;
4 – an emitter and/or receiver module;
5 – a filter module;
6 – a microphone module; and
7 – an optical or electrical cable.

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1 8. (amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said link is established between at least one
2 magnet and a casing of a battery or accumulator module comprised in said hearing aid apparatus.

c > ~~i 9. (amended) A method for establishing an electrical connection to a or in a hearing aid
2 apparatus, characterized by establishing the electrical connection via a series capacitor.~~

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1 11. (amended) The method of claim 9, characterized by establishing said electrical
2 connection between an electrical cable and an electric tab at said casing.

1 13. (amended) The method of claim 1, characterized by said hearing aid apparatus being
2 an in-the-ear hearing aid apparatus or an outside-the-ear hearing aid apparatus for impaired or
3 unimpaired hearing individuals or an earphone apparatus.

1 14. (amended) The method of claim 11, wherein said cable is to a transmitter module
2 remote from said hearing aid apparatus.

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1 15. (amended) The method of claim 11, wherein said cable is to a programming unit for
2 programming said hearing aid apparatus.

1 16. (amended) The method of claim 11, wherein said cable is at least a part of a link from
2 one hearing aid apparatus to a second one.

1 17. (amended) The method of claim 9, characterized by establishing a digital signal
2 connection.

1 19. (amended) The hearing aid apparatus of claim 18, characterized by that in the area of
2 a mechanical link to be established there is provided at one of said linking parts a magnet
3 arrangement and there is provided at the other of said linking parts a second arrangement or a
4 counterpart of ferromagnetic material.

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1 20. (amended) The hearing aid apparatus of claim 18, characterized by [the fact] that said
2 mechanical linking members are for an electrical connection.

1 21. (amended) The hearing aid apparatus of claim 18, characterized by [the fact] that said
2 mechanical linking members comprise guiding members, said guiding members ensuring
3 establishing of said mechanical link in a predetermined mutual position of said linkable parts.

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1 22. (amended) The hearing aid apparatus of claim 18, wherein one of said linking parts
2 comprises a signal processing module and the other of said linking parts is one of the following:
3 - a battery or accumulator module; and
4 - a transmitter and/or receiver module;
5 - a filter module;
6 - a microphone module;
7 - an optical or electrical cable.

1 23. (amended) The hearing aid apparatus of claim 18, wherein said mechanical linking
2 members are of an electrical galvanic connection.

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1 ~~25. (amended) A hearing aid apparatus with a detachable electric connection,~~
2 ~~characterized by that said electrical connection comprises a series capacitance, a part of a casing~~
3 ~~of said hearing aid apparatus forming the dielectricum of said capacitance.~~

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1 ~~27. (amended) The hearing aid apparatus of claims 25, wherein one part to be electrically~~
2 ~~connected is the hearing aid apparatus, another part is a preferably one-lead connecting cable.~~

1 30. (amended) The hearing aid apparatus of claim 18 being a therapeutical outside-the-ear
2 hearing aid apparatus or a therapeutical in-the-ear hearing aid apparatus or an in-the-ear and/or an
3 outside-the-ear applicable headphone.

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1 31. (amended) A hearing aid apparatus system comprising a hearing aid apparatus
2 according to claim 18, further comprising a transmitter module remote from said hearing aid
3 apparatus and being connectable to said connection of said hearing aid apparatus.

1 32. (amended) A hearing aid system comprising a hearing aid apparatus according to
2 claim 18 and further comprising a remote programming unit for said hearing aid device being
3 connectable to said connection of said hearing aid apparatus.

1 33. (amended) A hearing aid system comprising a pair of hearing aid apparatuses
2 according to claim 18 and a linking module being connectable to said connections of both of said
3 hearing aid apparatuses.